

REMARKS

Prior to this Response, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 15, 17-19 and 21-25 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 10, 18, and 22 have been amended. Claims 7 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 26-28 have been added. No new matter has been added by the amendments or the new claims. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection, Gorday, LaPorta

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 15, 17-19 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rejected by U.S. Patent No. 5,703,570 issued to Gorday (hereinafter "Gorday"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,300 issued to LaPorta (hereinafter "LaPorta"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Gorday discloses a method and apparatus for delivering a message to a call device. LaPorta discloses a two-way wireless messaging service. Neither reference teaches or suggests all of the recitations of the claims as amended.

In particular, claim 1 as amended recites receiving one or more alert criterion from one or more of the pagor and the pagee. At least one of the alert criterion is determined to be satisfied. Upon determining the pagee has not responded and the at least one alert criterion is satisfied, a message-waiting indicator associated with the pager is activated. Neither Gorday nor LaPorta teaches or suggests activating a message-waiting indicator after determining an alert criterion received from the pagor and/or the pagee is not satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants also believe claim 10 is allowable. Claim 10 recites receiving a voice message from the pagee. The voice message is converted to a second format and transmitted in the second format to the pagor. These recitations are not taught or suggested by Gorday or LaPorta.

Gorday and LaPorta also fail to teach or suggest the recitations of claim 18, as amended. Claim 18 recites that a first alert criterion and second alert criterion are received from

the pagor or the pagee. A first message waiting mechanism is activated upon expiration of a predetermined time period and a determination that the first alert criterion is satisfied. A second indicator is activated upon determining the second alert criterion is satisfied. Neither Gorday, nor LaPorta teach or suggest activating pager indicators when alert criterion specified by the pagor or pagee are satisfied. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 is allowable.

The remaining claims depend from one of claims 1, 10, or 18. Hence, these claims are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons.

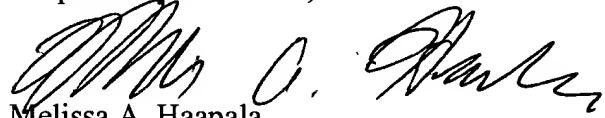
REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (303) 571-4000.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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